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UM 'LADIES' ART EXHIBIT HONORS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Museum of Fine Arts will host an exhibit during March to celebrate images of women from its permanent collection.

"Ladies of the Collection," honoring Women's History Month, will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center's Paxson Gallery. The prints, paintings and figures in ceramic and bronze depicting women from many cultures will be on display through March 31.

Included will be many of the museum's outstanding masterworks such as Edgar Paxson's "Sacajawea," an oil on canvas from 1904; and Alfred Maurer's "Gabrielle," a 6-foot oil portrait considered an outstanding example of the early work of this well-known American modernist.

Paintings by Henry Meloy, Josephine Hale, Fra Dana, William Merritt Chase and Joseph Henry Sharp plus a rare 15th-century Russian icon also will be shown. A Lewis and Clark Bicentennial limited edition of Paxson's "Sacajawea" will be on sale in the gallery during March for \$135.

The gallery is open from 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

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